

Washington, February 19, 1861.

I...At the General Court-Martial which convened at Fort Steilacoom, W. T., pursuant to "Special Orders," No. 106, of October 6, 1860, from the Headquarters Department of Oregon, and of which Lieutenant Colonel SILAS CASEY, 9th Infantry, is President, was arraigned and tried 1st Lieutenant *John C. Howard*, 9th Regiment of Infantry, on the following charges and specifications:

## CHARGE I.

*"Tyrannical conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline."*

*Specification*—"In this; That 1st Lieutenant *John C. Howard*, 9th Regiment of Infantry, did at Fort Bellingham, Washington Territory, on or about the night of the third of December, 1858, being the commander of the post, tyrannically cause Edward D. Warbass, Sutler of the post, to be forcibly removed from his, the said Warbass' quarters by a file of soldiers, and imprisoned in the guard house of the said post, and afterwards on the same night to be conveyed to a block house at the said post, and therein to be imprisoned in a cell exposed to extreme cold until on or about the morning of the 4th of December, 1858."

## CHARGE II.

*"Drunkenness on duty."*

*Specification*—"In this; That 1st Lieutenant *John C. Howard*, 9th Regiment of Infantry, was drunk while on duty as Officer of the Day at Fort Bellingham, W. T., on or about the 3d day of December, 1858."

To all of which charges and specifications the accused pleaded "Not Guilty."

## FINDING OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation on the evidence adduced the Court finds the accused as follows:

Of the *Specification* to 1st Charge, "Guilty."

Of the 1st CHARGE, "Guilty."

Of the *Specification* to 2d Charge, "Guilty."

Of the 2d CHARGE, "Guilty."

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## SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence the said 1st Lieutenant *John C. Howard*, 9th Regiment of Infantry, "*To be cashiered.*"

II...In conformity with the 65th Article of War, the proceedings of the General Court-Martial in the foregoing case have been transmitted to the Secretary of War, and by him laid before the PRESIDENT of the United States. The following are the orders thereon :

Disapproved by the President.

J. HOLT,  
*Secretary of War.*

III...1st Lieutenant *John C. Howard*, 9th Infantry, is accordingly released from arrest.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL :

*Assistant Adjutant General.*